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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAO (for himself, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MICA, and Mr. BOUSTANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. FMAP CALCULATION FOR DISASTER-AFFECTED
- 4 STATES.
- 5 (a) In General.—With respect to a State, for pur-
- 6 poses of calculating the Federal Medical Assistance Per-
- 7 centage for a State under section 1905(b) of the Social
- 8 Security Act, the Secretary shall substitute the average
- 9 historical per capita income for such State for a year in

- 1 any instance for which the Secretary, without regard to
- 2 this section, would use the per capita income for such
- 3 State for such year if—
- 4 (1) in such year, the per capita income for a
- 5 State exceeds the average historical per capita in-
- 6 come by at least 8 percent; and
- 7 (2) during such year or any of the 2 previous
- 8 years, a major disaster was declared in such State
- 9 by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
- 10 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
- 11 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).
- 12 (b) Average Historical Per Capita Income De-
- 13 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term "average
- 14 historical per capita income" means, with respect to a
- 15 State, the average annual per capita income for the period
- 16 beginning with the first year in which the Federal Medical
- 17 Assistance Percentage was calculated for such State under
- 18 section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act and ending with
- 19 the year prior to the year during which the average histor-
- 20 ical per capita income is applied under subsection (a).